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INVENTION: MULTILAYER PIEZOACTUATOR AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2000, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement upon Applicants pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner thereby requested that Applicants' elect either claims 1-5 and 16 or claims 6-15 and 17 for continued prosecution in this application.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, the election of claims 1-5 and 16, with traverse, is hereby confirmed whereby reconsideration is respectfully requested for non-elected claims 6-15 and 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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